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SUBJ: SEATO 18TH COUNCIL MEETING

REF: CANBERRA 5154 (WHICH BEING REPEATED TO USUN
AND CINCPAC)

1. DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FIRST ASSISTANT
SECRETARY BLAKENEY SUMMONED DCM TODAY IN ORDER TO STRESS
GOA CONCERN THAT THAIS WERE PROPOSING CHANGES IN LANGUAGE
OF PREVIOUSLY AGREED PRESS RELEASE ON SEATO COUNCIL
MEETING.

2. ACCORDING TO BLAKENEY, THAI MEMBER OF COUNCIL REPS
HAD PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE INCLUDING WHAT AMOUNTED TO
ADMONISHMENT OF NORTH VIET NAM REGARDING NVN ROLE IN
CAMBODIA. BLAKENEY SAID GOA WAS INSTRUCTING AMBASSADOR
CRITCHLEY TO MAKE VERY CLEAR THAT GOA COULD NOT ACCEPT
CHANGES IN PACKAGE AGREED IN BANGKOK. BLAKENEY
ADDED THAT ANY CHANGES, PARTICULARLY OF A NATURE TO
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SUGGEST THAT SEATO WAS ALIGNED AGAINST NORTH

VIET NAM OR PRC, WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER SUBMISSION TO PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM AND VERY POSSIBLY REAL DIFFICULTIES IN MAINTAINING AUSTRALIAN POSITION TOWARD SEATO, WHICH HAD BEEN PAINSTAKINGLY DEVELOPED OVER PAST NINE MONTHS. HE REMINDED US THAT NEW AUSTRALIAN LABOR GOVERNMENT HAD ENTERED OFFICE VIRTUALLY COMMITTED TO WITHDRAW FROM SEATO.

3. AS DEPARTMENT KNOWS, SEATO RAMIANS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE WITHIN LABOR PARTY. WHILE WE APPRECIATE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN BRINGING PRESSURE TO BEAR UPON THAILAND, WE HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD TO WHAT AUSTRALIANS UNDERSTAND TO HAVE BEEN FIRM AND DETAILED AGREEMENTS AMONG COUNCIL REPS IN BANGKOK.
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